

Town of Darien
Representative Town Meeting
Rules Committee
Regular Meeting-Monday, December 19, 2011

Attendance: Karen Armour (Ch), Gary Swenson, Seth Morton, Joanne Hennessy, Sarah Seelye, Anthony Imbimbo, Dennis Maroney, Marty Magida, Nora McIree, Ted Hawkins, Peter Kelly

Absent: MariLu Cleary, Debra Ritchie

Audience: Deepika Sakseena, Nina Miller

Call to Order: Ms Seelye, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:12PM, pending the arrival of Ms Armour.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the November 21 Rules Committee meeting were approved unanimously without comment.

Ms Armour arrived and assumed the Chair.

Assignment of RTM Members to Committees:

District 2 – Sumathi Ebrahimi - Education; Nina Miller-Public Health and Safety; Ann Finn-Public Works; Liz Bacon- P. Z. & H

District 5 – John Boulton – TGS&A

These assignments were moved by Mr. Morton and seconded. The motion passed 10 For, 0 Against, Mr. Maroney – Abstained.

Pending Items:

Chapter 13 - Appendix B- RTM Rules of Procedure

Ms Seelye reported that at a meeting just prior to the Rules meeting, TGS&A voted to set a Public Hearing on Chapter 13 revisions and revisions to the RTM Rules of Procedure. Changes will be tied to the State Statutes.

Chose to Reuse

This item will be on the January agenda of the RTM. Presentations will be limited to 15 minutes for each side, followed by Q&A. Ms Armour will contact possible speakers.

Flood and Erosion Control Board

Ms Seelye noted that the Charter contains a reference to The Flood and Erosion Control Board as an advisory commission. She questioned whether or not the RTM needed to create a commission if there is already a provision to have the Board of Selectmen manage the function through the Advisory Commission. Ms Armour has contacted Town Counsel, Mr. Fox, for his opinion on the role of the Board of Selectmen. The item is pending for the March RTM Meeting.

Agenda for January 23 RTM Meeting

1. **Teachers Contract**— Education Committee is primary and F&B Committee is secondary.
2. **Chose to Reuse-** Informational Presentations and Discussion

The Agenda was approved Unanimously.

Other Business

It was noted to include in the Agenda of the next Rules Committee meeting, a discussion of protocols in RTM debate.

Mr. Morton moved and it was seconded to Adjourn.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean W. Morton". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Clerk